

Each year pedestrian fatalities comprise about 11 percent of all traffic fatalities and there are approximately 4,600 pedestrian deaths. Another 70,000 pedestrians are injured in roadway crashes annually. Pedestrian safety is the responsibility of **BOTH** the drivers on the roadway and the pedestrians. Follow the tips below to help keep our roadways safe.



Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Yield to any approaching vehicles while crossing even if you have the right of way. No vehicle can “stop on a dime.” The average passenger vehicle traveling 40 mph is moving 59 feet per second, and would take a minimum of **189** feet to come to a complete stop.
- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the roadway, always walk facing traffic.
- Dress to be seen. Wearing bright/light colored clothing helps drivers see you. Reflective clothing is the best.
- Cross streets only at marked crosswalks or intersections.
- If crossing a multiple lane road, pedestrians should visually clear each lane as they proceed.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Follow the pedestrian signal at intersections, not the overhead traffic signal.
- If a car is parked where you are trying to cross, look for a driver who may pull out and not see you as he is looking for traffic.
- Remember telephone poles and parked vehicles block on-coming driver’s ability to see you.
- Look LEFT - RIGHT - LEFT prior to entering the street.
- Give drivers ample time to stop prior to entering the crosswalk.
- Crossing at locations that have traffic signals helps motorists see you.
- Turn off your headphones while crossing the street, so you can hear approaching traffic.
- Always hold a child by the hand while crossing the street and remember, WALK don't run.

STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

Think of the Impact You Could Make.

Driver Safety Tips

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and intersections.
- Don’t speed or run red lights.
- Stay focused and alert for pedestrians.
- Look out for pedestrians that may be hidden from view by other vehicles that have stopped.
- Be extra vigilant for pedestrians when driving at dawn or dusk.
- Obey all traffic laws and pay attention to traffic control signals and posted signs.

Together, we can all share our roadways safely. Practice these rules and keep safe.